Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant Eric J. Vanemmerik's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Vanemmerik has devoted over 20 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Combat Engineer, including service in Iraq; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Vanemmerik continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant Eric Vanemmerik for over 20 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2011, as

SERGEANT ERIC J. VANEMMERIK DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State